## **Media Contact:**

Greg Risling, Assistant Chief Media Relations Division 213-257-2000 GRisling@da.lacounty.gov

Twitter: @LADAOffice

Aug. 9, 2019

## Man Charged With Sexually Assaulting Teenage Girl, Attacking Young Woman

A Los Angeles man has pleaded not guilty to having sex with a teenage girl as well as assaulting her and a young woman in separate incidents over the past year, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Raymundo Diaz (dob 8/13/85) was charged in case BA480117 with two counts of unlawful sexual intercourse, one count each of oral copulation of a person under the age of 18, sodomy of a person under 18, injuring a cohabitant and dissuading a witness from reporting a crime. He also faces three misdemeanor counts of battery on a girlfriend.

He pleaded not guilty to the charges on Wednesday and is scheduled to return to court today for a bail review hearing in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center. Bail has been set at \$500,000.

Deputy District Attorney Theodore Swanson of the Sex Crimes Division is prosecuting the case.

The defendant met the teenage victim last year and the pair began making online videos together, the prosecutor said. Diaz is accused of engaging in sexual activity with the girl, who was 16 years old at the time, and physically assaulting her on at least three separate occasions.

Diaz also allegedly attacked a 19-year-old woman who lived with him and tried to prevent her from calling police.

If convicted as charged, the defendant faces up to 10 years and four months in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department's Robbery-Homicide Division.

**About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office** 

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.